



TIGER Discretionary Grant Program, FY 2017

On March 9, 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the list of 41 surface transportation projects that will receive \$500 million in discretionary grant funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER Discretionary Grants).

The projects will improve roads, highways, and maritime infrastructure with 64% of TIGER headed to rural areas, reversing an Obama administration trend that prioritized money to urban centers. Created in 2009 by congress to spread infrastructure funding across the nation following the 2008 economic downturn, the USDOT oversees competitive grants totaling nearly \$5.6 billion for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. During its 8 years in existence, the TIGER program has granted 462 projects in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; among those, 166 plans were in support of rural and tribal communities, and that is not all. The recently passed 2018 Omnibus provides for tripling the annual Obama stimulus era grants to \$1.5 billion moving forward. While some have commended the government for adding more federal funding to infrastructure, others see the increases as unnecessary and likely to lead to pet projects which were largely banned when earmarks were reformed. While it is true these projects are not picked by congress, great latitude is given to the political party in power to decide how to dole out the grants.

In announcing the fiscal year 2017 grants in 2018, the USDOT says it took into consideration state priorities and analyzed how projects will improve the safety and reliability of transportation infrastructures with particular attention to the economic and environmental sustainability of communities. This year's recipient projects are:



STATE	PROJECT NAME	\$
Alabama	Southeast Automotive Gateway	\$12,700,000
Alaska (Nunakauyarmiut Tribe)	Nelson Island Accessibility and Transportation Infrastructure Viability Enhancement (N.A.T.I.V.E.) Project	\$10,176,835
Arizona	SR 189 Flyovers: Grade Separating the Trucks from the Town	\$25,000,000
Arkansas (Fort Smith)	Securing Multimodal Freight Corridors in the Ozarks	\$8,527,892
California (Modesto)	Route 132 Gateway Express Phase 1	\$9,000,000
Colorado (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe)	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Passing Lane Project	\$2,000,000
Delaware	Georgetown East Gateway	\$7,000,000
Florida	Immokalee Complete Streets - Growing Connections to Create Mobility Opportunities, Collier County Board of	\$13,132,691



	County Commissioners	
Georgia (Atlanta)	Summerhill Bus Rapid Transit Project	\$12,629,760
Idaho (Clearwater County)	Repair of the Jaype to Lewiston Rail Line	\$3,240,960
Illinois	Interstate 57 Safety Project	\$7,600,000
Indiana	Wabash River Rail Bridge Infrastructure Revitalization	\$10,000,000
Iowa (Burlington)	City of Burlington Downtown/Riverfront Revitalization Project	\$17,000,000
Kentucky (Frankfort)	Frankfort Second Street Corridor Project	\$7,990,000
Louisiana	Reconstruction of the Chalmette Slip Project, St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District	\$13,000,000
Maine	Penquis Region Rural Bridges Project	\$10,836,22
Maryland (Baltimore County)	Mid-Atlantic Multi-Modal Transportation Hub	\$20,000,000
Michigan (Oakland County)	North Holly Road Project	\$3,000,000



Mississippi	Hightower Road Corridor Project, Mississippi State University	\$7,000,000
Montana (Gallatin County)	MT Highway 64	\$10,292,000
Nebraska	Lincoln South Beltway Project	\$25,000,000
Nevada (Carson City)	Carson City Gateway: South Carson Street Complete Streets	\$7,570,202
New Hampshire	I-89 Lebanon, NH, Hartford, VT Bridge Reconstruction and Widening	\$10,000,000
New Jersey	Route 3, Ramp A and Bridge over Rail Lines	\$18,260,000
New Mexico (Colfax County)	Southwest Chief Route Stabilization Project	\$16,000,000
New York	Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority	\$2,000,000
North Carolina	Blue Ridge Road Grade Separation and Intersection Improvements	\$19,900,000
North Dakota (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians)	Jack Rabbit Road Reconstruction Project –Phase 1	\$6,000,000



Ohio (Akron)	Downtown Akron Promenade (Phase Two)	\$8,000,743
Oklahoma	High Plains Strategic Freight Rail Capacity Improvement Project	\$9,901,793
Oregon (Mill City)	Mill City Downtown Restoration and Revitalization Project	\$8,082,574
Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)	Bridging the Trail Gap: Enhancing Regional Connections	\$12,000,000
Rhode Island	Route 37 Corridor Safety Sweep Project	\$20,000,000
South Carolina (Dorchester County)	US 78 Phase 2 Bridge Improvements	\$13,250,000
South Dakota (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe)	BIA Highway 10 Reconstruction Project	\$21,000,000
Texas (Houston)	Houston Roadway Flood Warning System Project	\$9,370,000
Utah	Baker Canyon and Dog Valley Climbing Lanes Project	\$15,000,000
Virginia (Loudon County)	Northstar Boulevard (U.S. Route 50 to Shreveport Drive)	\$25,000,000



Washington (Spokane Valley)	Bridging the Valley: Barker Road Grade Separation Project	\$9,020,149
Wisconsin (City of Eau Claire)	Chippewa Valley Regional Transit Transfer Center Revitalization Project	\$5,000,000
Wyoming	Beartooth Highway Reconstruction Project	\$16,600,000